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SUBJECT: U.S. URBAN PROBLEMS INITIATIVE IN OECD

1. WE CALLED ON DEPUTY SECGEN ELDIN ON JULY 8 TO ELICIT HIS PRELIMINARY THINKING ON HOW WORK MIGHT PROCEED ON SECRETARY VANCE'S URBAN PROBLEMS INITIATIVE.

2. ELDIN OFFERED A SERIES OF PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. FIRST, HE THOUGHT THE EXERCISE WOULD NEED TO BE DEFINED WITH CONSIDERABLE CARE. SUCH A DEFINITION MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. (PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECRETARIAT), BY AN EXISTING BODY (I.E. THE URBAN AFFAIRS SUB-GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, BUT REMOVED FROM THE CONSTRAINTS OF ITS PARENT BODY'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIMITED MANDATE), OR BY A NEW GROUP, PERHAPS CHAIRED BY ELDIN HIMSELF. SECOND, HE ASKED IF THE U.S. INTENTIONS WERE TO STUDY PARTICULAR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS OF CITIES (E.G. URBAN TRANSPORT, WASTE DISPOSAL, DATA PROCESSING, PUBLIC SAFETY, ETC.) OR THE LONGER-TERM PLANNING ASPECTS OF URBANIZATION. THIRD, HE WONDERED (COMMENTING HE WAS BEING A DEVIL'S ADVOCATE) WHY THE OECD IN PARTICULAR

SHOULD BE THE FORUM, WHAT REAL INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS WERE INVOLVED, AND WHETHER THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS OF COORDINATING WITH OTHER BODIES, SUCH AS THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. FOURTH, HE ASKED WHAT THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE GROUP WOULD BE - CITIZENS WHO WANTED A BETTER URBAN LIFE, FUNCTIONAL SPECIALISTS, CITY MANAGERS, OR NATIONAL OFFICIALS. FIFTH, HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REPORT TO BE MADE TO THE 1978 OECD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

3. WE SAID WE WERE UNINSTRUCTED, BUT EXPECTED TO HAVE GUIDANCE IN TIME TO PROVIDE THE NEXT COUNCIL (NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22) WITH A FULLER EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE U.S. HAD IN MIND. OUR PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE U.S. WANTED A BROAD-GAUGED GROUP WHOSE CONCERN WOULD BE NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF URBAN PROBLEMS, BUT RATHER WITH THE WAY IN WHICH THESE ASPECTS RELATED TO EACH OTHER. THE GROUP WOULD SEEK TO SHARPEN ITS UNDERSTANDING OF URBAN PROBLEMS AS A WHOLE - INCLUDING POSSIBLY UNINTENDED SIDE EFFECTS FROM POLICIES TAKEN TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES. ESSENTIALLY, THE PROCESS WOULD BE ONE OF EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES, SINCE SOME COUNTRIES SEEMED TO HAVE FOUND BETTER SOLUTIONS TO THEIR OVERALL URBAN PROBLEMS THAN OTHERS. EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES WAS A WELL-RECOGNIZED OECD ACTIVITY. WE THOUGHT THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE GROUP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(CONSISTENT WITH THE ORIENTATION OF HUD) SHOULD BE THAT OF NATIONAL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ASSISTING CITY MANAGERS, AND WHO NEEDED A BROAD OVERVIEW OF HOW THE AGGREGATE OF MUNICIPAL POLICIES DOVETAILED.

4. WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FOREGOING COMMENTS WERE BASED ON OUR PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WASHINGTON HAD IN MIND, BUT THAT WE DID NOT YET HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION.

5. AS TO THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS, WE SAID WE THOUGHT THE PRECISE WAY IN WHICH THE WORK WAS ORGANIZED WAS INDEED THE PROVINCE OF DELEGATIONS AND THE SECRETARIAT, WHICH WE COULD WORK OUT AFTER FURTHER EXPLANATIONS HAD BEEN PROVIDED ON THE SUBSTANCE.

6. ELDIN SUGGESTED THAT WHAT SHOULD EMERGE PROCEDURALLY FROM THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION SHOULD BE AN INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO COME FORWARD WITH PROPOSALS (AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS) ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK. THESE PROPOSALS WOULD OF COURSE BE WORKED OUT IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. AND WITH OTHER

COUNTRY DELEGATIONS.

7. SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING WITH ELDIN, MISSION HAS

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BEEN INFORMED OF FIVE ACTIVITIES ON URBAN AFFAIRS IN
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (TO WHICH ELDIN REFERRED, PARA 2
ABOVE). THESE ARE:

- (1) DEFINITION AND MEASUREMENT OF FACTORS
LEADING TO URBAN EXPANSION.
- (2) RELATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN URBAN AND
DEMOGRAPHIC PHENOMENA AND REGIONAL PLANNING.
- (3) LAND USE, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL
PLANNING.
- (4) SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR ARCHITECTS AND
URBANISTS.
- (5) LASTING EFFECTS OF TRANS-EUROPEAN MIGRA-

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TION ON REGIONAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

8. COMMENT: ON PROCEDURE, WE AGREE WITH ELDIN'S SUGGESTION IN PARA 6 ABOVE. WE THINK THE WAY THE WORK IS TO BE DONE CAN AND SHOULD BE HANDLED FROM HERE. WE ALSO AGREE WITH HIS EARLIER POINT (PARA 2 ABOVE) THAT A CAREFUL DEFINITION OF THE EXERCISE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP. FOR THIS, WE WILL NEED A SHARPLY FOCUSED SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT OF WHAT WE WANT FROM THIS INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, WE ALSO THINK THAT WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS TO BE DONE IS ITSELF A PARTICIPATORY PROCESS IN WHICH WE WELCOME AND INDEED NEED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS.
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